

# St. Mary's School Newsletter

*Always faithful to God, ourselves and others in the spirit of the Presentation tradition.  
St. Mary's is committed to Child Safety and the inclusion of all children.*

**Respect Ourselves - Respect Others - Respect our Environment**

**Term 1 - Week 5 - Wednesday 26 February, 2020**

## IMPORTANT DATES

### 26th February

Ash Wednesday Mass  
12 noon

No school for Foundation

### Thursday 27 February

Evacuation Drill

### Friday 28 February

Clean Up Australia Day

### Monday 2nd March

Book Club orders due

### Mon 2 - Thurs 5 March

Swimming Program

### Friday 6th March

Swimming Carnival

### Wednesday 11 March

Blueearth sport

### Friday - 13 March

Mass Grades F/1/2 & 6  
9.30am

St John First Aid education  
for all students

### Mon 16 - Fri 20 March

Meals on Wheels Roster  
Grades 5 & 6

### Wednesday 18 March

Rutherglen High School  
Information Evening

Yr 6 into Yr 7 in 2021

5.30—6.30pm

### Friday 27 March

Last Day Term 1

## PBIS Focus of the Week - Expectations in the Church

Dear Parents/Carers,

# Lent

Today is **Ash Wednesday** and marks the beginning of Lent.



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## Weekend Mass Times

Saturday 6pm Chiltern

Sunday 9am Rutherglen

Sunday 10.30am Wahgunyah

**Ash Wednesday** begins **Lent**, a season of fasting, almsgiving and prayer. Ash Wednesday takes place 40 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too. Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolise the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words:  
 "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return."  
 "Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, **"Repent and believe in the Gospel"**."

### Events Coming Up in this Newsletter's Edition

\* **The school swimming program begins next Monday.**

Date	Time	Grade
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2020	1.15pm – 2.00pm	Foundation, 1 & 2
	2.15pm – 3.00pm	3, 4, 5 & 6
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2020	1.15pm – 2.00pm	Foundation, 1 & 2
	2.15pm – 3.00pm	3, 4, 5 & 6
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	1.15pm – 2.00pm	Foundation, 1 & 2
	2.15pm – 3.00pm	3, 4, 5 & 6
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	1.15pm – 2.00pm	Foundation, 1 & 2
	2.15pm – 3.00pm	3, 4, 5 & 6
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> March 2020	9.00am – 2.00pm Carnival	Whole school

\* **Swimming Sports next Friday 6th March.**

\* **All Foundation students begin their full weeks of school from next Monday.**

#### Shrove Tuesday:

Thanks to the **Senior Catholic Identity Team** who did a wonderful job helping me serve the whole school with a yummy pancake each yesterday. They also did a great job in cleaning up as well. Gold coin donations for a pancake totalling \$106.00 will go to CARITAS.



Pictured above:- Senior Catholic Identity Team members - Lukas Moore, Grace Milthorpe, Faith O'Donoghue and Henry Ross

### Swimming Program Next Week:

**We need parents next week to help out with the swimming program.** Between 1pm- 3.15pm Monday to Thursday and between 9.30am - 1pm at the swimming sports on Friday. All families would have received a notification yesterday on PAM where you can indicate where you can help.

### Parent Access Module (PAM)



**Check your inbox for Activity Notifications**

**IMPORTANT:**

**Please use PAM to notify the school of your child's absence.**



### Child Safe:

St. Mary's is a Child Safe School which means that we have policies and strategies in place to ensure all students feel and are safe at school. Please take time to familiarise and read our child safe section on the school's website under the Child Safe Tab.



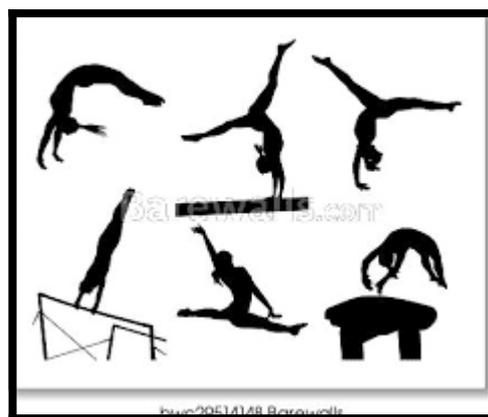
### Zone Swimming:

Good luck to Faith Barkley, Brodie Upton and Penny Hartung who are representing the school at the zone level this Friday at WAVES Wodonga.



### Gymnastics Program:

We were again fortunate to receive some funding through Sporting Schools Australia to run a gymnastic program for the remainder of the term. Fly Away Gymnastics from Wodonga will come out each Friday to run the program for all students.



### Term 1 Hats are Compulsory:

Term 1 will see the Sun Smart Policy enacted which means **No Hat No Play**. All students need to wear a school hat during Term 1 when playing outside. This rule is strictly enforced so please make sure your child brings a hat to school.



## Frosty Friday's:

The Catholic Identity Team will be selling Zoopers Doopers for 50c each Friday of this term. All money raised will go to Caritas.



## Awards presented at this week's assembly

Teacher awards (above) were given to:-

*Back row* - Kasey Rhodes, Ryan Moore, Acacia Rhodes, Maiya Lee and Sienna Park-Osborne

*Front row* - Matilda Doolan, Alex Kidd-Alam, Charlotte Colwell, Isla Verhulst and Faith O'Donoghue

Principal's award (left) was given to:-

Brodie Upton

**Congratulations to you all!**

# Happy Birthday to:-



Carvyn Stubbs 2/2



Matilda Colwell 7/2



Matilda Doolan 8/2



Cody O'Donoghue 11/2



Natasha Doolan 12/2



Sonny Enever-Cooper 13/2



Adelyn Holland 26/02



Grace Milthorpe 26/2



Shaun Gunning 3/3



## St Mary's School - Facebook page

As a school, St Mary's is always looking for ways to communicate effectively with our families and our wider school community. The parent portal PAM has been a new effective and efficient way to communicate with parents, getting permission forms completed and for recording absenteeism.

So we are very excited to be launching our St Mary's Rutherglen Facebook Page next Monday. This will be another avenue of communication with our school community. Our Facebook page will promote what will be happening each week at school, put out reminders and celebrate successes. It will also be a way we are able to share new learnings as they're happening in the moment, especially on camps and excursions.

As with all social media it is important to remember that it is to be used appropriately and with respect. You will not be able to comment on the Facebook page for security reasons so if you have things you would like to share please contact the school. Nicole O'Mahony and Libby Dickinson are the administrators of the page.

Please check PAM for a consent form for your child's photo to be used on our Facebook page.

## PBIS Focus this week - Expectations in the Church

Church	Respect Ourselves	Respect Others	Respect our Environment
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Participate</li> <li>⇒ Follow routines</li> <li>⇒ Sit, stand and kneel appropriately</li> <li>⇒ Bless yourself when entering and leaving the church</li> <li>⇒ Enter and exit calmly and correctly.</li> <li>⇒ Exiting people go first - wait for them to leave</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Keep your hands to yourself (personal space)</li> <li>⇒ Listen to the person speaking</li> <li>⇒ Be quiet</li> <li>⇒ Participate</li> <li>⇒ Offer peace quietly and calmly to others</li> <li>⇒ Listen to the person speaking</li> <li>⇒ Enter and exit the pews correctly during communion and blessings.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>⇒ Respect the sacred space</li> <li>⇒ Be quiet</li> <li>⇒ Use Mass book correctly</li> <li>⇒ Enter and exit correctly</li> <li>⇒ Keep your feet on the floor</li> </ul>

### This Week's PBIS Winners are:

Lachie Wilson F/1 HK, Lexie Wilson 3/4 BC & Isla Verhulst 1/2 LD



Have a great week,  
 Matt Attwater  
 Principal



## Apex Park Picnic Shelter Grand Opening and Community BBQ

Causes event by Apex Rutherglen on Friday, March 20 2020

[www.facebook.com](http://www.facebook.com)

## EASTER EGG RAFFLE

This year, our Easter Egg Raffle will be drawn on

Thursday 26th March

Raffle tickets will be handed out next week.

It would be great if every family could bring in a donation for our hampers.

The more goodies we receive, the more hampers we can make up.



You're invited

## INDIGO COMMUNITY WORKSHOP



### IMPROVING CHILDREN'S HEALTH: Healthy Eating & Active Living

Do you want to be involved in helping improve the health of children, young people families and the community?

All community members are invited to attend a workshop and be involved in an exciting new way that is looking to community to find ways to improve the health of children in Indigo.

#### What do we know about children in Indigo?

In 2019, health & wellbeing information was collected from primary school students in years 2, 4 and 6

#### Some facts:



- 39.9% Girls & 28.2% Boys are overweight or obese
- 20.6% Girls & 29.6% boys met physical activity guidelines every day during the previous week



- 11.2% Girls & 15.7% Boys meet vegetable consumption guidelines



- 81.9% Girls & 68.5% Boys meet fruit consumption guidelines

### WORKSHOP DETAILS

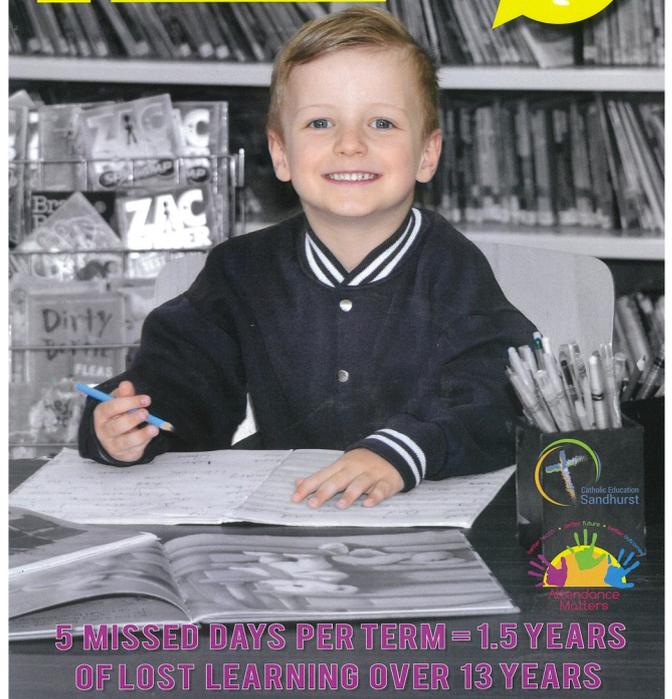
**Date:** THURSDAY 27 February 2020  
**Venue:** Chiltern Memorial Hall  
 86 Conness St CHILTERN  
**Time:** 5.00pm - 8.00pm  
**RSVP:** Monday 24 February 2020  
<https://www.trybooking.com/BHJJY>

**DINNER PROVIDED - please RSVP for catering**

For more information contact Gabriella Tange at Beechworth Health Service on 03 5728 0200 or 0408730177



## WHEN I'M AT SCHOOL MY FUTURE IS BRIGHTER



5 MISSED DAYS PER TERM = 1.5 YEARS OF LOST LEARNING OVER 13 YEARS

# Important Calendar Dates - 2020

## Term 1

Wednesday 26 February	Ash Wednesday Mass - 12 noon Foundation Students day off (full time from next week)
Friday 28 February	Clean Up Australia Day
Mon 2 March	Book Club orders due
Mon 2 - Thur 5 March	Swimming program @ Rutherglen Pool
Wednesday 4 March	Foundation students start full-time
Friday 6 March	Swimming Carnival
Wednesday 11 March	Bluearth (sport)
Friday 13 March	Mass - Grades F/1/2/6 - 9.30am St John First Aid education for all students
Mon 16 - Fri 20 March	Meals on Wheels Roster
Wednesday 18 March	Rutherglen High School Information Evening - yr 6 into yr 7 in 2021 5.30pm to 6.30pm
Wednesday 25 March	Bluearth (sport)
Thursday 26 March	Easter Egg Raffle Draw
Friday 27 March	Last Day Term 1 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

## Term 2

Tuesday 14 April	First day Term 2 for students
Tuesday 28 April	School Closure Day (staff Professional Development at Wangaratta)
Friday 26 June	Last Day Term 2 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

## Term 3

Monday 13 July	First day Term 3 for students
Friday 18 September	Last Day Term 3 (Casual Clothes Day - gold coin donation) 2.30pm finish

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